(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any specialized agency has been created which would help the poor marginal farmers to derive maximum intended advantages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Based on the recommendations of National Agricultural Technology Project on agricultural research, detailed guidelines have been issued for implementation of National Agricultural Innovation Project.

(b) The guidelines are contained in the publications: project implementation plan and financial management manual.

(c) Under one of the important components of National Agricultural Innovation Project, namely Research on Sustainable Rural Livelihood Security (SRLS), consortia are being formed who are developing projects which will help the poor/marginal farmers to derive maximum intended advantages.

**Committee on bringing reform in agriculture**

11. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether farmers get around 30 per cent portion of the final price of agricultural product and the remaining 70 per cent portion is received by middlemen brokers and stockist agents;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to constitute a high level committee to bring about reform in agriculture and economic sectors related thereto; and

(c) if so, by when the report of this committee is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The share of farmers in final price of agricultural products depends upon the types of marketing channels followed in sales by the farmers. Studies conducted by the Department of Agriculture indicate that the share of farmers varies from 62% to 84% in rice and wheat, from 67% to 85% in pulses, 59% to 89% in groundnut oil and 33% to 75% in case of fruit and vegetables.

(b) and (c) To examine the problems facing Indian agriculture and to suggest Action Plans, National Development Council (NDC) Sub-Committee on Agricultural Related Issues was constituted by the NDC in June 2005. The Sub-Committee had constituted various Working Groups covering areas such as Region/Crop Specific Productivity Analysis; Irrigation and Minor Irrigation; Dryland/Rainfed Farming, Marketing Reforms etc. In the 53rd meeting of the NDC held on 29th May, 2007, the Report of the Sub-Committee was considered by the NDC and it was resolved to undertake the required steps by the Central and State Governments.

**Special plan for Wheat, Rice and Pulses**

12. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to implement a special plan for wheat, rice and pulses at its own expenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States and Union Territories being covered under the scheme and allocation of funds being made during 2007-08; and

(d) the results anticipated from the special plan during 2007-2008 and 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Government has contemplated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" in the country to enhance the production of - wheat, rice and pulses during the XIth Five Year Plan.The National Food Security Mission will have three components *viz.*, National Food Security Mission - Rice (NFSM – Rice), National Food Secuirty Mission – Wheat (NFSM – Wheat) National Food Security Mission – Pulses (NFSM Pulses).

The NFSM – Rice will be implemented in 12 States *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand; Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The NFSM - Wheat will be implemented in 9 States *viz.*, Bihar, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

The NFSM – Pulses will be implemented in 14 states *viz.*, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(d) The National Devleopment Council in its meeting held on 29th May, 2007 has adopted a resolution to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XIth Plan.

**Crop damage**

13. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment of the damage caused to the crops due to excessive rainfall in some States of the country during the current monsoons has been made; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to the States to compensate the farmers, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Target for production of pulses**

14. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed by Government for production of pulses in the country during the next two years;

(b) the details of quantity of pulses produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;